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The officer demobilization policy applied
after the World War II was different for company grade and for
higher officers.

2. Officers up to the rank of captain were simply discharged from
the army and put into reserve status (uvoleny v zapas). They
do not have the right to wear the uniform and were given no
pensions or compensations of any kind. Like enlisted personnel
they returned to their normal civilian jobs. They are, however,
registered with their respective Voenkomats as reserve officers
and subject to military service in case of war or an emergency,
in which case they would be returned to service with the rank
held at the time of their discharge. In peacetime they may
volunteer and be returned to the service if there is a need for
officers.

3. Officers with the rank of major and up were put on the retire-
ment list (votstavku) after their demovillization. They retained
their rank, were given the right to wear the uniform and received
pensions. Those with the rank of major and lt colonel receive
80% of their total army pay; colonels and generals receive 90%.
they have no obligations to the army and cannot
be called into service against their will except in case of
war.

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[redacted] there are probably more than 250,000 officers and about six to eight million enlisted men. The annual call-up of reservists varies according to existing needs. [redacted]

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[redacted] in 1949 when the Soviet AAA in Germany was expanded the Moscow Military District called up 280 AAA reserve officers. Normally reserve officers called to service are assigned positions as platoon leaders, company and battalion commanders.

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